



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Berrang, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/624,467  
Filed: 07/23/2003  
Entitled: **Totally Implantable Hearing Prosthesis**

Group No.: 3735  
Examiner: Hopkins

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 11, 2006

**MS: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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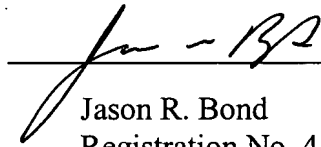
Examiner Hopkins:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2006. A petition for a two month extension of time, from March 11, 2007 to May 11, 2007 is included herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**CONCLUSION**

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at (608) 218-6900.

Dated: May 11, 2007

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